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VIRGINIA IN 1678-1679.

(Abstracts by W. N. SAINSBURY, and copies in the McDonald
and De Jarnette Papers, Virginia State Library.)
(Continued)

May 20, 1679

PETITION OF BARTHOLOMEW PRICE, GUARDIAN TO JOHN
JEFFREYS a Minor son to Col. Herbert Jeffreys, to the King.
For payment of £300, granted by his Maj. to Col. Jeffreys,
still in the hands of Alderman John Jeffreys and arrears of his
salary from 25 March 1678 for the relief of the poor widow now
in prison & the maintenance of her poor orphan and to grant
an order for her release. "Delivered to the Committee by M^r
Secretary Coventry 20th of May 1679."

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 80. p. 304.)

LETTER MRS. JEFFREYS TO SECRETARY COVENTRY.

Sir

I presume so much upon Your known Justice and Charity
to represent to You my sad condition here which now is more
deplorable than anybodys was. I paid or gave Bail to all
Debts that came to me and when I thought I had satisfied the
most strictest Laws in the World and was ready to come home
in Captain Morris ship, Coll. Spencer, my Lord Culpepers
Attorney, lays in a claim against me for all perquisits since my
husband came into this Colony notwithstanding that the words
of the Kings Letter is that all perquisits, and Arrears not actually
received by You, shall remain in custody for the said Lord Cul-
peper and I have offered to give Security to pay all that can be
found my husband has received since the 25th March 1678 but
that will not satisfy, therefore 'tis plain they seek my life in
malice to my husband though none of them can tax him of
doing any injustice therefore Sir, May most humble Petition

to you is that you will be pleased to take the cause of so miserable a poor Widow into Your Protection and make it acceptable to His Ma^{ty} by your presenting of it for I cannot hope to outlive this persecution but I most humbly beseech you to intercede for me to His Ma^{ty} that my child may not be ruined since his father lost his life in most faithfully performing his duty to His Ma^{ty}. I do not doubt that if my enemys here would give me leave to come and cast myself at the Kings feet but His Ma^{ty} would be graciously pleased to extend his accustomed goodness to me and my poor fatherless Child and give him a comfortable subsistence in this world.

But I am most unjustly kept here therefore do most humbly beg of you to take the cause of the poor fatherless child into your protection and whilst I breath you shall never want the prayers of Sir,

Your humble and obedient

Ser. Jeffreys.

Sir

I beseech you to pardon all faults here, for so great a load of afflictions distract me.

A true Copy teste

W. Davis.

Whitehall, May 20, 1679

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF TRADE AND PLANTATIONS.
Information of Capt. Rudge, Master of the Hopewell, lately come from Virginia, summoned by Order in Council of 16th inst. in reference to the great disorders committed by the Indians who had lately made peace with the English, in killing several of the people & totally ruining Col. Place's plantation, who is now in England; the great terror caused by a body of 8 or 10,000 Indians assembled about Blackwater upon the Northern borders of Carolina; the people not reconciled to one another since the Rebellion which has a deal of ill blood. Sir Henry Chicheley the present Governor very old, sickly and crazy (1).

(1) At this time "crazy" referred to bodily, not mental, weakness. No serious attacks by the Indians followed the great gathering of the tribes referred to. It may have been nothing but a baseless rumor.

Information of Capts. Grantham & Rider that at York river there was a report of a great incursion of Indians about Rappahannock River, that many people had left their plantations thro fear. Concerning a Convoy for the next fleet to Virginia.

Petition of Bartholomew Price, Guardian to John Jeffreys son to Col. Herbert Jeffreys late Governor of Virginia, complaining of ill usage to Mrs. Jeffreys, Widow, by reason of a pretended debt of Col. Spencer, Attorney to Lord Culpeper for perquisites received since her husband came into the Country. Lord Culpeper's answer to the same. 4 pp.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 106, pp. 5-8.)

Whitehall, May 21, 1679

ORDER OF THE KING IN COUNCIL ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND PLANTATIONS on Petition of Bartholomew Price, Guardian to Col. Jeffrey's son directing that Sir Henry Chicheley, Governor of Virginia inform himself of the differences depending between Lord Culpeper or his Agents and Mistress Jeffreys who is to be permitted to come to England to settle her deceased husband's debts; and that Secretary Coventry take sufficient security on the part of Lord Culpeper as of said Mrs. Jeffreys that all things be duly performed pursuant to his Maj. letter of 27 Dec. 1677. (which see) 3 pp.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 80. pp. 309-311.)

Council Chamber June 27, 1679

MEM'DM. THE LORD PRESIDENT IS DESIRED BY THE LORDS OF TRADE AND PLANTATIONS to report to his Maj. in Council That upon a motion made by the Earl of Essex from the Lords of the Treasury, their Lordships are of opinion that it will best consist with his Maj. service and the ease of the Treasury that all allowances made by his Maj. unto the Governors and other Officers of the Plantations as also for the Companies maintained there may be paid by the pay-master of his Maj. forces upon the general establishment settled for that service.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 97, p. 63.)

Whitehall June 27, 1769

ORDER OF THE KING IN COUNCIL on report of Lords of Trade and Plantations on the present allowances for support of the Government of his Maj. Colonies in America; that the following Allowances & Establishments shall be continued & no others, viz.:

For Virginia	(among others)	
To the Governor per ann.		1000
To the Lt. Gov. per ann.		600
To the Maj. Gen. per ann.		300
For maintenance of forts		600
For two Companies of 100 each		3327.11.8.
To the Chirurgeon per ann.		91. 5.0.
To the Chaplane per ann.		121.13.4.
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Besides an allowance to an Engineer to be retained for some time longer in case the Country proceed to build a Fort after the rate of 10s. per diem for himself & 4s. p^r diem for one serv^t p^r ann.

219.

As also to a Gunsmith & two mates to be cont^d some time longer at 8s. 4d. per diem—per ann.

152.

Total	<hr/> £6371.10.0.
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To be paid as they become due by the Paymaster of his Maj. Forces upon a General Establishment to be settled for that service which the Lords of the Treasury are hereby directed to see done accordingly—The two foot Companies of Virginia to be continued for one year and until further order.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 97, pp. 63-66.)

Whitehall, July 25, 1679

ORDER OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, referring to the Committee of Plantations a letter from Sir Henry Chicheley and the Speaker of the Assembly of Virginia to the King together with a letter from Sir Henry Chicheley to Sec. Coventry. see 20 May 1679.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 80, p. 362.)

Whitehall Aug. 6, 1679

ORDER OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL. That an Act of Assembly begun at James City 25 April last entitled An Act (2) enabling Major Lawrence Smith and Capt. Wm. Bird to seat certain Lands at the head of Rappahannock River and James River be forthwith suspended until his Maj. further pleasure be signified and that no Assembly be called in Virginia before 1st January next of all which Sec. Coventry is to give intimation to Sir Henry Chicheley Deputy Governor of that Colony—also to signify that his Maj. has received the Address concerning the pay of the soldiers there and the arrears of Quit Rents.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 80, p. 359.)

Whitehall, Aug. 6, 1679

ORDER OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL on letter from Sir Henry Chicheley of 20 May last and Address of the Assembly of Virginia inclosed (which see). That a letter be prepared for the King's signature to Lord Culpeper to acquaint the Assembly on his arrival that his Maj. before the receipt of their address, had taken care for payment of the arrears due to the soldiers & for the continuance of the same for the future; and that as to the Quit rents, his Maj. had long had that matter under consideration & will shortly give orders therein for his own service & the ease of the people. Also that he has sent some laws to them to which he expects a cheerful & ready compliance, assuring them of his particular care and kindness for that his Colony. That an Instruction to Lord Culpeper be prepared to forbear the publication of his additional Commission for six months after his arrival if he think fit.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 80, pp. 363-4.)

Aug. 9, 1679, Whitehall

SEC. COVENTRY TO SIR HENRY CHICHELEY, Deputy Governor

(2) This act of the Assembly of April 1679, appears in Hening II, 448-454. It was intended as a cheap provision for the defense of the heads of James and Rappahannock Rivers. Major Lawrence Smith, of Gloucester, was granted a tract at the falls of Rappahannock four and a half by four miles, and Wm. Byrd of Henrico, a tract five by three miles at the falls of James. Each was to keep fifty armed men constantly on their grants and was given some local jurisdiction.

of Virginia. Is commanded by the King to signify to him that an Act enabling Major Lawrence Smith & Capt. Wm. Bird to seat certain lands at the head of Rappahannock River and James River be forthwith suspended so that no proceedings may be had thereupon until his Maj. shall signify his further pleasure—that no Assembly be called or held in Virginia before 1 January next—and that having received an Address concerning the pay of the soldiers there and the arrears of Quit rents such order will be taken therein upon the arrival of Lord Culpeper as shall be for the good of his Maj. subjects there.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 95, p. 175.)

Whitehall, Aug. 9, 1679

SECRETARY COVENTRY TO SIR HENRY CHICHELEY, Deputy Governor of Virginia. Has received his letter of 20th May last wherein he enlarges upon the matter of the Address from himself and the Assembly concerning the pay of the soldiers there and the arrears of the Quit rents to which his Majesty has ordered his answer. Shall endeavour to deserve his good opinion by showing his hearty inclinations for the welfare of Virginia, and also to his own particular.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 95, p. 175.)

Whitehall, Sept. 10, 1679

The King to Thos. Lord Culpeper.

At his earnest and reiterated instances and in contemplation of the condition of affairs in Virginia where his presence is highly necessary his Maj. has condescended to his speedy repair thither notwithstanding the great and urgent occasions the King has of his services here. He is hereby granted full power to repair back to the King's presence as soon as in his discretion the state of affairs in Virginia will in any sort permit his absence, as well in person to give an exact account of the same and continue his services to his Maj. here, as for some short time to take care of his own private concerns, which his constant attendance on the King has hitherto hindered him from sufficiently providing for—After which the King will give orders for his speedy return thither again to perfect the settlement and welfare of that Colony.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 80, pp. 380-1.)

(To be continued)